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Please replace claims 1-3, 10, 11, 16, 19, 22, 25, 34, and 43 with amended claims 1-3, 10, 11, 16, 19, 22, 25, 34, and 43 shown below. Please cancel claims 36-42 without prejudice to continued prosecution. Please add new claims 52-61. For convenience, a complete set of pending claims is provided below.

--1. (Amended) A method for preparing a non-genetically modified processed food product, comprising:

a) certifying that a crop was grown and harvested under conditions effective for said crop to contain 5% or less genetically modified seeds; and

b) certifying that said crop was processed under conditions effective for said processed food product to contain 5% or less genetically modified crop material.--

--2. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said conditions in said certifying step a) are effective for said crop to contain 0.01% or less genetically modified seeds.--

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